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Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast

January 21 marks the federal holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. The holiday serves as a pause for Americans to reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change embraced by Dr. King. The 6th Area Support Group Equal Employment Opportunity Office and the Martin Luther King/Black History Month Committee are hosting a Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast Jan. 24 from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Swabian Special Events Center, Patch Barracks. The theme for the prayer breakfast is Touched by a Dream. Tickets are available for \$5.95 each. Seating will be available for 140 people. The event is open to all Stuttgart community members. For info call Steve Matkowsky, 421-2684/civ. 0711-729-2684.

SECTION I OFFICIAL INFO

Numbers To Know...

For emergencies call:

Fire Reporting	0711-680-117
All other (Military Police)	0711-680-116
From DSN phone call	116 or 117
Non-DSN in 0711 prefix	680-116 or 117

For non-emergencies call:

American Red Cross	07031-15-818
Chaplain	0711-680-5000
Education Hotline	0711-680-6121
Emergency Action Center	0711-729-2601
Family Support Center	0711-680-7176
Military Police	0711-680-5262
Personal Health Adviser	0800-825-1600
Road/Weather Conditions	0711-729-2474
Sexual Harassment Hotline	0711-729-2708

Black Berets Arrive in Europe

Soldiers of U.S. Army, Europe will arrive for work Feb. 11 wearing the Army's new black beret. Officials caution that soldiers haven't seen the last of their battle dress uniform patrol caps. The beret will be the Army's standard headgear in garrison, but the BDU patrol cap will still be worn while participating in field duty or work details, at deployed locations when helmets are not being worn and on other occasions designated by commanders. For info go to the Web site www.hqusareur.army.mil.

Report Suspected Espionage Incidents

Community members can help prevent subversion and espionage by guarding against the collection efforts of foreign intelligence services.

Watch for someone who seeks information about military missions, activities, equipment, facilities or personnel through unsolicited letters or e-mail. Report it to the Stuttgart Military Intelligence Office, 421-2206/civ. 0711-729-2206.

Note Possible Holiday Closures

Jan. 18 is a U.S. Army, Europe training holidays supporting Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Jan. 21. Expect office closures and call ahead for operating hours.

Vice Auditions for Joint Dining-in

Vice auditions for the 2002 Joint Dining-in will be held Jan. 23 in the 6th Area Support Group headquarters conference room, Kelley Barracks. Candidates can submit their names to SFC Oliveras at 421-2530/civ. 0711-729-2530 or e-mail oliverasj@6asg.army.mil. The Joint Dining-in is scheduled for April.

On-Post Lodging for TDY's/PCS's

Attention all units and sponsors of personnel temporarily relocating or permanently moving to the Stuttgart military community: Military and civilian personnel are required to stay in government facilities to maintain the Army Lodging Fund occupancy rate of 85 percent. Currently government-controlled quarters in the Stuttgart community are not being properly

utilized. These facilities include the Swabian Inn at Patch Barracks, Hilltop Hotel at Robinson Barracks and Kelley Hotel at Kelley Barracks.

Sponsors or travelers are required to call the lodging office to obtain a reservation or, if unavailable, obtain a control number for a certificate of non-availability prior to arrival. This policy applies to all military, regardless of branch of service, and civilians. Military facilities' rates are considerably less than those charged by local German hotels. For info call 430-7181/civ. 0711-680-7181 or any of the 6th Area Support Group hotels in Stuttgart.

Travel Voucher System Streamlined

This past September, all U.S. Army, Europe finance battalions implemented a new travel system that streamlined both the processing and payment of travel vouchers. Travelers no longer receive a hard copy of their voucher, but now receive an advise of payment mailed directly to their APO box or unit address. The AOP now states DFAS-Indianapolis made the payment. When payment is processed, the amount is additionally emailed to the individual's Army Knowledge Online account. The new travel system has the capability to make payments directly to the traveler's Bank of America Government Travel card. For info contact the 208th Finance Travel at 430-8299/civ. 0711-680-8299.

BAS Reform Act Update

U.S. Army, Europe has been granted an indefinite time period to implement the 2002 BAS Reform Act. All soldiers currently on separate rations will continue to draw this entitlement in January. The Jan. 10 suspension for SR recertification is void. Units now have more time to update SR rosters, identifying which soldiers qualify under the more stringent criteria directed by the BAS Reform Act. Soldiers with questions concerning the changes should see their commander.

Weather, Road Conditions Online

Whenever severe weather conditions happen in the 6th Area Support Group call 421-2474/civ. 0711-729-2474 or go to the Web site www.stuttgart.army.mil/weather to obtain status on road conditions and other weather-related information.

Still time to enroll in TSP

Soldiers who want to sign up for the new Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan during the special enrollment open season have until Jan. 31

to do so. The special enrollment window only applies to soldiers who entered the Army on or before Dec. 8, 2001. Those who joined the Army after that date have 60 days from their enlistment date to sign up for the savings plan.

When the special enrollment period ends Jan. 31, soldiers may use two open seasons each year to join, quit or change the amount of their contributions. Currently, these periods are May 15 through July 31 and Nov. 15 through Jan. 31. The best way to enroll is by completing and submitting an application on line via the Employee/Member Self Service Web site at www.dfas.mil/emss/.

Town Hall Meeting

The next Stuttgart community Town Hall meeting will be Jan. 23 at 7 p.m., Panzer Community Club. All Stuttgart military community members are invited to attend.

SERVICES

Tax Center Offers Assistance

The Stuttgart Tax Center, located across from the legal office in building 2307, Patch Barracks, will open Feb. 4. The center's hours of operation will be Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For info call 430-4226/civ. 0711-680-4226.

Morning Aerobic Classes at Patch

Start your day off the Fitness 2002 way. The Patch fitness center is offering Step Extreme Mondays, Kick-boxing Wednesdays and Cardio/ Sculpting Fridays. Join them 6 to 7 a.m. for the challenge. Each class is \$3 or \$30 for 12 classes. Your first class is complimentary. For info call Bobbie at 430-5332/civ. 0711-680-5332.

New POV Registration Prices

It's now cheaper to register your vehicle in Germany. The vehicle registration fee is now \$15, payable by check or money order only, for all plate styles. The late fee is still \$10. For info call 431-2833/civ. 07031-15-833.

AAFES Lowers Gas Prices

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service lifted the moratorium on gas prices overseas and implemented a market-based fuel pricing policy Dec. 21. The new policy sets the price based on the U.S. Department of Energy's monthly average for each grade of gasoline in the continental U.S., plus the unique incremental costs AAFES incurs in each overseas market. Based on monthly review

of CONUS averages, the selling price may change the first of each month at locations in Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom and Korea. Dispensing costs will be reviewed and updated annually.

Civilian Fitness Program

Are you a civilian who wants to start exercising but can't seem to find the time? The Civilian Fitness Program may be for you. With supervisor and medical approval, this program allows three hours each week to get fit as part of your workday during the next six months. Enrollment packets are available now, with assessments taking place at the Health, Fitness and Wellness Fair Feb. 9. For info call 430-4073/civ. 0711-680-4073 or e-mail brownr1@6asg.army.mil.

CHRMA Computer System Delay

The Civilian Human Resource Management Agency has announced a moratorium on all civilian personnel actions to transition its database system over to the new Modern Defense Civilian Personnel Data System, commonly called the Modern System. The cutoff date for submitting civilian personnel actions was Jan. 7. Requests submitted after the deadline will not be accepted until Feb. 18. Examples of personnel actions that will be affected include awards, promotions, recruitment and reassignments.

CHRMA is currently transitioning its human resources database to the new Modern Defense Civilian Personnel Data System. New civilian personnel actions will be accepted beginning Feb. 19. For info visit the CHRMA Web Site at www.chrma.hqusareur.army.mil.

New Year Sale at RB Thrift Shop

Stop by the Robinson Barracks Thrift Shop for great deals during its New Year Sale. Donations of all types are always needed and appreciated. Transformers are in high demand right now. If you have extras you don't need or are moving soon, consign or donate them today.

Shop hours are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are accepted until 12:30 p.m. For info call 0711-854-242.

ICE Program Requires Customer Input

Did you know there are nearly 100 Stuttgart community service agencies listed on the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system? Facilities involved include all 6th Area Support Group services and organizations such as medical clinic, commissaries, Army and Air Force

Exchange Service and Department of Defense Dependent Schools.

To access the ICE system and voice any comments and concerns about community facilities and services, go to the 6th ASG Web site at www.stuttgart.army.mil and click on the ICE logo.

Exchange Marks for Euros at AAFES

Army and Air Force Exchange Service will continue to offer its limited currency conversion service to its customers, except euros will now be exchanged in place of marks. AAFES customers stationed in Germany have until Feb. 2 to exchange marks for dollars. The exchange of currencies is subject to the availability of funds in all AAFES-Europe facilities.

Step Circuit Training

Keep your new year's fitness resolution with step circuit classes at Kelley Fitness Center. Join certified jazzercise instructor, Christine Charles, Mondays through Thursdays 6 to 7 p.m. for a total body workout combining aerobic exercise and strength training with weights and resistance tubes. The first class is complimentary. Call 0711-457-0835 for info.

YS Offers Adult/Child Dance Classes

Kelley and Robinson Barracks Youth services are offering dance classes taught by Jackie Dudman. Ballet, tap and ballet/jazz classes for children and adult ballet classes are available. Classes fill quickly, sign up today. For info call Kelley YS at 421-2548/civ. 0711-729-2548 or RB YS at 421-6016/civ. 0711-819-6016.

Spin Classes at Patch Fitness Center

Patch Fitness Center is offering free spin classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6 to 7 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. An orientation class will be offered to help people familiarize themselves with bike setup, safety and spin movements Jan 12 from 10 to 11 a.m. For info contact Jody Hobson, 0711-120-8905, or Lee Rhodes, 07031-60-4367.

Poison Prevention

Ninety percent of all childhood poisonings occur in the home. Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications can be very dangerous in the hands of a child; even certain plants can be toxic. All poisonous products and medicines should be out of the reach and sight of children. Remember to store all poisonous products in

original containers and keep medicines, vitamins and household products in containers with child-resistant caps.

If your child comes in contact with a poisonous substance call the Landstuhl Poison Control Center at 486-7070/civ. 06371-86-7070. Be prepared to provide the following information: child's age and weight, the product container or bottle and the time the poisoning occurred.

Upcoming Closings, Changes

The **Air Force Education Office**, located in building 2308 room 147, Patch Barracks, will have reduced hours due to the deployment of the education counselor. An education counselor from Ramstein Air Force Base will be available through March 14 every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The education counselor can be reached at 430-8415/civ. 0711-680-8415 or dl6thasgmss/dpe@cmtymail.6asg.army.mil.

The **Vehicle Registration Office**, Panzer Kaserne, will close Jan. 31 at noon for inventory.

SECTION II ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Schuller Preaches at Patch

Noted televangelist Dr. Robert Schuller will preach Jan. 20 at the 11 a.m. service, Patch Chapel. Schuller, known for his syndicated "Hour of Power," is appearing en route to a meeting with Pope John Paul II to pray for peace. For info call the Chaplain's Office at 430-5000/civ. 0711-680-5000.

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

The 6th Area Support Group Chaplain's Office is sponsoring a Marriage Enrichment Retreat Feb. 8 through 10 in the Residence Hotel, Sindelfingen. Lodging and meals will be provided free of charge but space is limited. To make a reservation contact the 6th ASG Chaplain's Office at 430-5000/civ. 0711-680-5000.

Black History Month Meeting

Black History Month is observed each February. The 6th Area Support Group Black History committee meets every Wednesday at noon, Patch Community Club. All Stuttgart community members are invited to attend.

Girl Scout Cookies are Here

For a limited time and in limited quantities, Stuttgart-area Girl Scouts will be selling their famous cookies. Don't forget to purchase an extra

box or two for the Girl Scouts to send down range. Ask your local Girl Scout for these delicious cookies.

Armed Forces Bowling Championships

U.S. Air Force, Europe Services will host the 2002 U.S. Armed Forces Bowling Championships Jan. 28 through 31 at the Vogelweh Bowling Center at Kaiserslautern, Germany. Bowlers from all branches of service and their family members, 18 years of age and older, are eligible to participate. Registration forms are available at all installation bowling centers. The deadline to register is Jan. 25. For details on where to send the registration forms and a schedule of events, go to the Web site www.stuttgart.army.mil/weeklyupdates/bulletin.htm. For info contact Mandy Smither-Nethercott, 496-7929/civ. 06302-677-929.

DoDDS Accepting Applications Online

With the help of technology, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools has developed its new Employment Application System to help potential educators submit, modify, update and track applications online. The aim of the new system is to reduce paper submissions and monitor an applicant's status interactively. As of September 2002 only online applications will be accepted. Potential educators can access EAS at <https://hq-w4.odedodea.edu/eas>.

Any Stuttgart community member interested in a local teaching job, who possess a teaching certificate or has been trained as teacher, can apply now for the next school year. Applicants coming from the U.S. should also apply, but they will not be considered a local-hire candidate until they actually arrive on post here in Germany.

Don't wait to apply, the schools are currently looking for good, local-hire teachers. For info call Patch High School at 430-7191/civ. 0711-680-7191, Patch Elementary School at 430-5200/civ. 0711-680-5200, Böblingen Elementary School at 431-2528/civ. 07031-15-528 or Robinson Elementary School at 420-7112/civ. 0711-819-7112.

Robert Burns Celebration Feb. 2

For those who never heard of a Robert Burns Celebration, you won't find another opportunity to dress up, gather with Celts (or those wishing they were), drink fine whisky, observe otherwise normal gentlemen speak poetry to a stuffed sheep's stomach and enjoy a fine meal accompanied by bagpipe music. Only 50 seats remain. For tickets

contact Mike Riha at 430-6468/civ. 0711-680-6468.

Donations Sought for Deployed Troops

The Stuttgart American Red Cross is collecting items for deployed U.S. troops. ARC just opened an office at Camp Rhino, Uzbekbekistan. Many items are needed to support U.S. troops in this remote location, including antiseptic hand towelettes, candy, store-bought cookies, packaged snacks, puzzles, board games, playing cards, hot chocolate and cider mixes, coffee, creamer, sugar, hygiene items, stationery, pens, etc.

To ensure the safety of the ARC staff and troops, all items must be inspected, packed and shipped by Red Cross personnel. Drop your donated items off at the ARC office, building 2949, Panzer Kaserne, and let them take care of the rest. For info call 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-818.

Stuttgart Singers Meet Weekly

The Stuttgart Singers have resumed rehearsals, meeting Mondays 7 to 9 p.m. in Patch Chapel. New members are always welcome. There are no auditions and the ability to read music is not necessary. For info visit a rehearsal or call Kathy Williams at 07159-44991 or e-mail at ckwilli@t-online.de.

Reward Offered for Specialist Murderer

A \$20,000 reward is being offered for the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of specialist Amanda Gonzales and her unborn child. Any information should be directed to the Hanau CID office at 322-8068/civ. 06181-88-8068 or the Hanau Military Police at 322-8749/civ. 06181-88-8749.

Black Forest Quilter's Guild Meeting

The next Black Forest Quilter's Guild meeting is Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. All quilters and stitchers are welcome. Contact Angie Drake, 0711-678-8108, or angiedrake@hotmail.com. for info.

PAGASA Induction Ball

The Philippine American German Association of Stuttgart announces its second annual Induction Ball Jan. 26 at 6 p.m., Patch Barracks Community Club. The cost for the formal event is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Dinner and dancing are included in the evening's festivities. For tickets call Connie Villanueva at 0711-687-7025.

No Better Time to Break the Habit

Did you know that cigar packages bear no

warning from the Surgeon General, but cigar smokers are more likely than nonsmokers to suffer from persistent coughs, phlegm and also face an increased risk of peptic ulcers? For info on how to quit smoking call the Stuttgart community health nurse at 430-8209/civ. 0711-680-8209.

Patch Ski Club Meeting

Patch Ski Club's next meeting will be Jan. 30, 7 p.m. in the Swabian Special Events Center. For info go to the Web site www.psc-ski.org.

Photography Display at RB

In "China – Journey to Jenna," a photographic essay by Donna C. Chirstensen, is on display at the Robinson Barracks Arts and Photo Center, building 151. Stop by to see the selection of inspiring and thought provoking black and white and color photographs. For info call 420-6038/civ. 0711-819-6038.

CHILDREN & TEENS

Scholarships for Military Children

Applications and fact sheets for the 2002 Scholarships for Military Children program are available at your local commissary and at www.commissaries.com. The deadline for filing completed applications is Feb. 5. The nearly 400 \$1,500 scholarships awarded last year were funded through industry donations. Children of U.S. military ID cardholders including active duty, retirees, National Guard and reserves may apply for the scholarships. Applicants should be college-bound high school seniors or students already enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program.

Support Local Student Athletes

Support for local student athletes by cheering them on at their home and away sporting events. Patch American High School's winter sports season is in high gear for all its teams. The boys and girls varsity and junior-varsity basketball teams play at home Jan. 18 against SHAPE. Both junior-varsity teams play at home against the International School of Stuttgart Jan. 19. All four teams travel to Vilseck Jan. 26.

The rifle team will be competing at home against BYE Jan. 19. The team travels to Wurzerburg Jan. 26 and then onto Vilseck Feb. 2 for the championships. The wrestling team will be in Vilseck Jan. 19 and in Brussels Jan. 26. They return home for a match against AFNORTH Feb. 2. The swim team's next meet will be regionals at Geilenkirchen Feb. 2 and 3. View the entire high school's winter sports schedule online

at www.stuttgart.army.mil/weeklyupdates/bulletin.htm. For info call 430-7191/civ. 0711-680-7191.

Dance Classes at Kelley YS

Sign your children up today for dance classes at Kelley Youth Services. Pre-tap, for ages 3 to 5, and tap, for ages 6 to 9, will be held Thursday evenings for six weeks. Ballet/jazz classes, for ages 4 to 7, starts Jan. 22, 3:30 to 4:40 p.m. Participants must be centrally registered in order to participate with any YS sponsored activity. For info call 421-2548/civ. 0711-729-2548.

Outstanding Youth of the Year

The U.S. Army, Europe Outstanding Youth of the Year program is designed to recognize youth leaders at each installation for their outstanding accomplishments. All youth nominees must be centrally registered with Child and Youth Services. Nomination packets are available at all local youth services centers. Completed packets must be turned in by Feb. 15. For info contact Jemmie Collins at 430-7204/civ. 0711-680-7204.

Kindermusik at Panzer YS

New Kindermusik classes start up again Feb. 4 at Panzer Youth Services. Don't miss this excellent opportunity for your child to experience the benefits of early music education. Class space is limited, register early. For info contact Panzer YS, 07031-15-759, or Kim Gilleran, Licensed Kindermusik Educator, at 07031-239-394.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

ARC Offers Free Classes

The Stuttgart American Red Cross, building 2949, Panzer Kaserne, is offering two complimentary classes: **Introduction to Disaster Services** Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and **Managing Stress** Jan. 23 from 7 to 8 p.m. For info call 431-2818/civ. 07031-15-818.

New Pregnancy Orientation Class

The Stuttgart Wellness Center is offering a New Pregnancy Orientation Class Jan. 22. Participants will receive a handbook outlining prenatal and postnatal care as well as vital information about community resources. Call 430-8610/civ. 0711-680-8610 to register.

ESL Classes Available

Army Community Service will offer weekly conversational English as a Second Language classes beginning Jan 23. All levels of English-

speaking ability are welcome. For info or to register call 430-4315/civ. 0711-680-4315.

HOBBIES & CRAFTS

Learn to Quilt with the Gussy Goose

The Gussy Goose, located next to the Patch Fitness Center, is offering Beginning Quilting weekend classes. Learn how to select and cut fabrics, sew and quilt by machine and quilt by hand. The class begins Jan. 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. Then it will meet Saturdays, Feb. 2, 9, 23 and March 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For info call 0711-680-5270.

RB Arts & Photo Center Offers Classes

Robinson Barracks Arts and Photo Center, second floor of building 151, has a great selection of upcoming classes. Learn everything you wanted to know about photography with a five-week phototclass starting Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m.

The **Fine Art Program**, including Drawing like Leonardo and five-weeks of drawing/painting, resumes Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. The **Children's Art Program** for kids 6 years and older continues in February. Tuesdays will be three-dimensional exercises and Wednesday will be drawing/painting, both classes will be 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. All classes require advance registration.

The centers hours are Mondays through Wednesdays 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For info call 420-6038/civ. 0711-819-6038.

Patch Arts & Crafts January Classes

Patch Arts and Crafts Center, located in building 2337 by the fitness center, offers classes for everyone. **Silk Scarf Class:** Make a beautiful, white, silk scarf; class is Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon or 6 to 8 p.m. **Umbrella Basket:** Make a colorful, circular basket perfect for holding umbrellas; class is Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 6 to 10 p.m. **Double-handled Quilt Basket:** Make a basket perfect for holding quilter's supplies or just about anything; class is Jan. 30 and 31 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Craft center hours are Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays by appointment. For info call 430-7109/civ. 0711-680-7109.

JOB CORNER

Civil War Re-enactors Sought

Böblingen Elementary School is seeking community help with its upcoming history project.

Male and female Civil War re-enactors are needed for the event commemorating the April anniversary of the Battle of Fort Sumpter. To volunteer or for info contact Jack Dugan at Jack_Dugan@eu.odedodea.edu or Mary Neuse at 07031-701-379 or neuses@bunt.com.

Positions Available at SSEC

Looking for some spare money? The Swabian Special Events Center has openings for a banquet setup person, part-time bartender and banquet servers. Call Tammy at 430-8205/civ. 0711-680-8205 or apply at building 2505, Patch Barracks.

DPW Job Fair in Wiesbaden

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Europe District is inviting Directorate of Public Works employees from throughout Europe to attend its second annual Job Fair Jan. 25 in Wiesbaden. Representatives from the North Atlantic Division and five districts from the Northeastern U.S. will be on hand to recruit Department of the Army civilians for positions in a variety of specialties including engineering, architecture and contracting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Interested individuals can learn more at the Web site www.nau.usace.army.mil or by e-mailing jobfair@usace.army.mil.

PO Office Seeking Auditors

Are you an auditor with nothing to audit? Then look no further than the 67 private organizations located in our community. Private Organizations are required to undergo a yearly audit by an independent authority. Auditors must be a GS-09/NF-3 or other equivalent, certified and a public accountant based on experience, education or both. Interested individuals should contact the PO Coordinator's office at 421-2889/civ. 0711-729-2889 or e-mail mitchellt@6asg.army.mil.

LEISURE TIME

Audiences Guaranteed to Laugh

How would you feel if your best friend did something so stupid it made you doubt the very basis of your friendship? It happens in Yasmina Reza's international theatrical phenomenon ART. The Stuttgart Entertainment Branch presents the Tony Award-winning comedy Jan. 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27 in the Stuttgart Theatre Center, building 3320, Kelley Barracks. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Stuttgart Entertainment

Branch Tuesday through Friday 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 421-2825/civ. 0711-729-2825. Non-U.S. military ID cardholders must call with passport information the Wednesday before the weekend's performances by 4:30 p.m.

AAFES Movie Schedule

Movies and times are subject to change. For info call the theaters individually. A synopsis of each movie is available through a link at www.stuttgart.army.mil/recreat.htm.

Patch	Theater	0711-680-5310	
Jan. 18	7 p.m.	Lord of the Rings	PG-13
	9:30 p.m.	Lord of the Rings	PG-13
Jan. 19	Noon	Lord of the Rings	PG-13
	4 p.m.	Lord of the Rings	PG-13
Jan. 20	8 p.m.	Lord of the Rings	PG-13
	Noon	Lord of the Rings	PG-13
	4 p.m.	Lord of the Rings	PG-13
Jan. 21	8 p.m.	Lord of the Rings	PG-13
	7 p.m.	Lord of the Rings	PG-13
	7 p.m.	K-Pax	PG-13
Jan. 22	7 p.m.	K-Pax	PG-13
Jan. 23	7 p.m.	K-Pax	PG-13
Jan. 24	7 p.m.	K-Pax	PG-13

RB	Theater	0711-819-6137
Jan.	18 - 24	To be posted in the theater

Corso Theater (Hauptstr. 6, Vaihingen): For info in English and German call 0711-734-916.

Music for Everyone at Sliders

The Swabian Special Events Center's Lounge, Sliders, offers entertainment Fridays starting at 7 p.m. Plan on stopping by for Spoonful's rock 'n roll tunes Jan. 25, Barry Foley's country and Irish music Feb. 1, Mark Danner playing all the new country tunes Feb. 8 and to take your turn with the Karaoke machine Feb. 22. Customer appreciation hours are Tuesdays through Fridays 5 to 7 p.m. For info call 430-8205/civ. 0711-680-8205.

Black History Month B-ball Tournament

The Oklahoma Prince Hall Masonic Family presents a Black History Month Basketball Tournament Feb. 15 through 17 in Patch Fitness Center. The tournament is free to the first 10 teams that register. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place teams, as well as tournament MVP and all-tournament team. For info contact Terrance Dodson at 430-4512/civ. 0711-680-4512.

Pandora's Box at the Back Lot

Pandora's Box will be playing at the Backlot Bar, Patch Barracks, Jan. 25 and Feb. 8. Come in and unwind to familiar and favorite songs, old and new. For info call 430-7111/civ. 0711-680-7111.

TRADING POST

Submissions are subject to editor discretion and appear on a space-available basis for two weeks.

For Sale/Vehicles:

'91 BMW 520i, 185,000 Km, German-Specs, w/ AC, 1st American owner, \$6000. Call David R. Alexander 430-8500 (w) or 0711-816-0847 (h).

'94 Mercedes Benz, C280, 6-cyl, 70,000 miles, black, black leather interior, auto, U.S. specs, all power, AM/FM cassette w/6CD, changer and 8 speakers, auto climate control, integrated (hands-free) phone, alarm, and much more. Very good to excellent condition. Asking \$15,500. Call (day) 0711-680-8282 or (evening) 0711-620-0097.

For Sale/Miscellaneous:

Kodak DC 25 digital camera, excellent, basic digital camera, PC serial cable (for Windows, Macintosh), software (including photo-enhancer special edition) and user's guide, works only with Windows 3.1 or Windows 95, \$75. Call 07031-658-021.

Hitachi full multi-system 21" TV, 2-years-old, bought for \$360 at Power Zone, asking \$190. Call 07056-4575.

NEC 1260 Superscript laser printer, 2-years-old, excellent condition, includes brand new toner cartridge, software, manuals, and printer cable. Printer is very efficient, printed thousands of pages on original toner cartridge. Excellent graphics and fast, great for school work or for printing when you don't want to waste expensive inkjet ink, \$125. Call 0711-810-5830.

19" Hitachi color TV, multi-voltage 110/220 and multi-system NTSC/PAL., works great both here and in the U.S., remote control, cable ready, less than 3-years-old, great condition, \$100 OBO. Call Erik at (work) 0711-729-6161 or (h) 0711-859-6656.

Three-piece Berkline Comfort Rest living room set, couch, love seat and chair, navy, all leather, all recline, asking \$2,350. Italian dining room table with 6 chairs, black lacquer, table has 2 built-in expansion sections, chairs have gray leather seats, very good condition, asking \$275. Call 0711-678-7173 or 0171-323-9284.

Jogging stroller, double, 170 lb. max, sunshade w/ cover, folds for storage, \$175; 2 car seats, \$20 each; high chair converts to table, \$10; toddler kitchen, \$20; double-sided easel/painting board, \$20; cell phone,

works in Europe and Africa, \$80; bookshelves w/ cabinet, \$35 each; file cabinet, \$20; printer desk w/ storage, \$15, BDU's size 16/34, like new, \$25 a pair; ladies leather combat boots, size 5, unused. Call 07031-675-018.

Two Kenwood upright speakers (LS7E), 1 year old, \$50; canon bubble jet printer, reliable, \$15. 486DX2 laptop computer, office loaded, good for kids, \$20. D2 cell phone available Feb. 7, no contract needed, takes euro card, \$25. Call 07056-4575.

Toshiba Satellite Laptop, 266Mhz, 64MB RAM, 2.1GB HD, CD, floppy, speakers, USB port, 56Kb modem, battery (holds charge almost 2 hours), AC adapter. \$400.00. Call 0162-497-0357.

Queen size bed, brass headboard and frame (Sealy box spring & pillow top mattress), light oak chest, \$150; computer station \$100; two rugs, 9X12 & 12X15, \$40 & \$50. Broyhill Dining Room set, includes table with leaf, six chairs, hutch, and sideboard, \$1000. Call 0711-806-9455 after 6 p.m.

Jobs/Services Offered:

The band Spoonful is looking for a replacement drummer. Contact Bruce at 0711-6877-083 or e-mail bruceem_35@hotmail.com.

Wanted:

Small upright freezer, willing to pay fair price. Willing to pay now and pick-up when you PCS. Call Kim, 4312-495 (w) or 0711-810-6314 (h).

Looking for a drummer who can play folk, country, and alternative music. Call Christine at 674-0430.

3 to 4 bedroom duplex, house or apartment close to Patch, Panzer or Kelly. Please contact us at (h) 07031-657-253, (mobile) 0177-755-1234 or e-mail us at romy.toro@usa.com.

Multi-system, 220v or 110v TV. Call Michael, 07031-412-890.

Free:

'94 Dodge Caravan. Motor needs to be replaced or rebuilt. Bak window needs replaced. Otherwise in good condition. Call Michael, 07031-412-890 or oolitak@yahoo.com.

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CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

28 January - 21 March 2002

The 6th ASG Education Center will conduct conversational German classes in Stuttgart beginning Monday, 28 January 2002. Classes are conducted 2.5 hours per day, 2 days per week for a period of six weeks. No class sessions will be held Monday, 18 Feb (Presidents' Day).

The classes: 1a: A course for absolute beginners (students who have had nothing beyond Headstart German or the SNO class)

1b: A course for students who have had either 1a or some other basic course BEYOND a newcomer's orientation and/or German Headstart.

1c Intermediate German, for somewhat "experienced" users of the language, for example, students who have previously live in Germany, particularly if they have once lived "on the economy" and would like to refresh skills mastered earlier.

CLASS LEVEL	DATES	DAYS	HOURS	LOCATION (Post, BLDG, room)
1a	29 Jan - 07 Mar	T,T	1830-2100	Patch 2318 3
1a	29 Jan - 14 Mar	T, T	1830-2100	Kelley 3307 4
1c	28 Jan - 11 Mar	M, W	1830-2100	Patch 2320 4
1a	05 Feb - 14 Mar	T, T	0900-1130	Patch 2320 4
1b	29 Jan - 07 Mar	T, T	1830-2100	Patch 2320 4

REGISTRATION: Registration will be coordinated through the Panzer Education Center, BLDG 2948 (in person, telephonically, by FAX or email) on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment will occur in the hour prior to the first class session.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE CAN NO REFUND ONCE A STUDENT HAS ENROLLED.

COURSE FEE: 50 Euro. The textbooks are provided free of charge.

CONTACT NUMBERS: TELEPHONE FAX
DSN: 431-2506/2714 431-2571
CIVILIAN: 07031-15-506/714 07031-15-571
Email: education.admin@6asg.army.mil

NOTE: If you use email, please provide name, contact phone #, and your choice of class.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING GERMAN WHILE YOU ARE IN STUTTGART?

There is a wide variety of opportunities to learn German by means of in-class instruction in the Stuttgart area. This will list just a few such choices available to you.

1. University of Maryland, University College (UMUC):

UMUC conducts German courses during each of the 5 eight-week academic terms per year, with classes held either M,W or T,Th evenings from 1830-2130 hours. In addition, UMUC also conducts classes during the day, either as “lunch” classes, MTWF from 1130-1250 or as “teatime” classes, MTWT from 1705-1825 hours. UMUC’s tuition rate for the 2002-2003 academic year is \$420.00 (= \$140.00 per semester hour for each 3-semester-hour course). Textbooks are additional. DSN 431-2303/2303, CIV: 07031-15303/15303.

2. Conversational German Classes (Non-Credit):

The Panzer Education Center sponsors non-credit conversational German classes during 6-week sessions 6 times annually, depending on demand. Courses are conducted twice weekly, 2.5 hours per teaching session, a total of 30 hours of instruction. The cost for the year 2002 is 50 Euro (The textbook is free.). DSN: 431-2506/2714, CIV: 07031-15506/15714.

3. Volkshochschule (VHS):

A 3rd option for Americans in Stuttgart are the courses available “on the economy.” The German “Volkshochschulen” are a Germany-wide association of what one might refer to as “adult night schools” which offer courses in computers, painting, photography, and in other areas, and, primarily for our purpose here, in “German as a 2nd Language.” These courses attract people from all around the world who happen to live in Germany. A major “plus” in such courses is the fact that they are taught using the submersion method, which means that no English is used. Many students with a very serious interest in learning the language & in being exposed as much as possible to German culture have reported very favorably on these courses. In the greater Stuttgart area, good “starting points” for info on the VHS may be obtained by calling one of the following numbers [Usually, whoever answers the phone speaks enough English to provide whatever assistance is needed; however, since it is suggested that you request to be put on a VHS mailing list, ask an “oldtimer” in the Stuttgart area to help you figure out your German “economy” mailing address (including the German equivalent of the ZIP code!) BEFORE you call.]:

Stuttgart (RB & possibly Patch residents): 0711-1873-762
Böblingen-Sindelfingen (Panzer, possibly Patch residents): 07031-640037
Leinfelden-Echterdingen (Kelley residents): 0711-1600322 or 1600315

Courses usually begin in February & in September and are taught either M,W, or T,Th, 1800-1930 or 1945—2115 hours for 15 weeks. VHS course prices can differ by location, for example, in the Böblingen-Sindelfingen VHS in 2002, an evening course, which runs 15 weeks, costs 86 Euro, in Stuttgart the cost is 144 Euro. Each VHS office is, of course, in one location, but classes are conducted in a variety of locations within, say, the city of Stuttgart. Finally, the VHS’s also offer highly-concentrated courses (4 hours a day, 5 days a week, for 7 weeks). These intensive courses are offered even more often than the evening courses. Call if you are interested!